RESPONSE TO GN DOCKET NUMBER 25-133

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This filing is addressing the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 47, Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Part 97 - Amateur Radio Service, Subpart A – General Provisions, Section 97.17.(b).(1) – Application For New License Grant. This filing is requesting the Commission to deregulate/modify Section 97.17.(b).(1) to no longer require an examination to be required for the submission of an application to grant a license for the Technician class. This requirement no longer has any validation to ensure that an applicant is proficient in the operation of services in Amateur Radio Services that allows an operator with said license to operate within the terms and condition of the subject license.

As the new generations of people become of age and enter into the workforce, the various education programs and employment opportunities to obtain technical knowledge are extremely limited or non-existent for any person to acquire the expertise to be knowledgeable of radio electronics. Essentially, there are no formal education classes, nor do the various Amateur Radio Clubs have in-person classes for anyone to learn the subject of radio electronics. This lack of opportunities for anyone to acquire said radio electronic knowledge makes it very difficult for anyone to successfully pass the required examination to obtain an Amateur Radio Service Technician license.

There are various on-line sources that provide the answers to several of the questions that are from the examination question pool. Although this requires a person to remember the answers to the questions on the exam, most people either do not have the ability to retain the answers for various reasons and since most exams are stressful in nature may cause people to not remember the answers clearly under those stressful conditions. This is not fair to the person that is trying to enter and learn radio electronics. Sometimes, a hands-on approach is more meaningful to a person and a person could learn in better conditions.

Most of the questions on the various exams are very difficult for most people that are trying to learn radio electronics. Most of the questions really do not do justice to the exam taker. A couple of questions come to mind. “What happens to the radio signal when the signal has to penetrate a water molecule”? Another question is “select the appropriate item on the schematic that depicts the resistor in the diagrammed circuit. Questions like this are not the appropriate questions these days for an unskilled person trying to learn radio electronics when there are no opportunities to learn these components beforehand.

By deregulating/waiving the examination requirement for the Technician class license, may be the right thing to do that may give a person the opportunity to learn the subject of radio electronics.